

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVOCATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01051-JLR

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
[PROPOSED] ORDER

**Noted for: December 3, 2020**

Plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates (“NWEA”) and Defendant United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) (collectively “the parties”), by and through counsel, submit this Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court’s Order. Dkt. No. 21. The only remaining issue in this Freedom of Information Act litigation is NWEA’s claim for costs and fees.

Since the parties’ last status report, EPA continued work on obtaining authorization to enter into settlement discussions with NWEA. This process has multiple steps and has experienced unforeseen delays. The parties request that they be allowed to submit a status report to the Court in thirty days to allow EPA to obtain settlement authorization and in order to permit the parties with enough time to engage in settlement discussions. Good cause exists for this request because, if settlement discussions are successful, this case would be

1 fully resolved. Accordingly, the parties jointly propose a joint status report to be filed on or  
2 before January 4, 2021.

3 Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of December 2020.  
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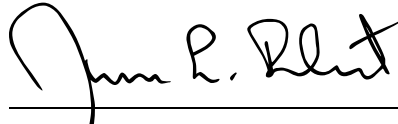
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The parties will submit a joint status report on or before January 4, 2021.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2020.



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JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge